

At a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Tom Green County, Texas, held in the Edd B. Keyes Office Building in San Angelo, Texas, on December 14, 1999, the following were present:

- Clayton Friend, Commissioner Precinct #1
- Karl Bookter, Commissioner Precinct #2
- Jodie R. Weeks, Commissioner Precinct #3
- Richard S. Easingwood, Jr., Commissioner Precinct #4
- Michael D. Brown, County Judge
- Judith Hawkins, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. and immediately recessed to go into Closed/Executive Session to discuss matters on today's agenda.

The Closed/Executive Session adjourned and the Open Session reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the invocation was delivered by City/County Health Director Mike Loving.

Motion was made by Commissioner Easingwood, seconded by Commissioner Friend to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- A. Approve the Minutes of the December 7, 1999 meeting.
- B. Accept the Minutes of Accounts Allowed, approve bills in the amount of \$1,281,882.68 and approve purchase orders in the amount of \$54,381.54.
- C. Approve the following salary expenditures:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EFF. GRADE</u>	<u>& STEP</u>	<u>SALARY</u>			
12/16/99	N/A					\$ 862.79 S/M	Hiney, Joyce A.	Jail	New Hire
Torres, Antonio	Juv. Probation	New Hire	12/15/99	N/A		\$ 854.17 S/M			

and acknowledge as a matter of record:

Cross, D'Aune A.	CSCD (218)	Promotion	12/16/99	N/A		\$ 682.75 S/M
McFarland, Shannon L.	CSCD (255)	Transfer	12/20/99	N/A		\$ 705.75 S/M
Warnick, Rebecca S.	Auditor	Resigned	12/31/99	N/A		\$1434.11 S/M
Duda, Virginia E.	Library	Resigned	12/31/99	N/A		\$ 6.00/HR
Jones, Julia S.	Library	Resigned	12/30/99	N/A		\$ 5.25/HR

- D. Left off the agenda.
- E. Accept the Indigent Health Care Monthly Report, for December 1999 (recorded with these minutes).
- F. Accept the Extension Services Monthly Schedule of Travel for the months of October and November 1999 (recorded with these minutes).
- G. Add Milton Heinze to caliche vendor list (letter recorded with these minutes).

Judge Brown and all commissioners voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Easingwood on behalf of Tom Green County, "that we allow the Judge to sign stating that we will accept the two-thirds (2/3) for the \$424.70 as full and final settlement of Tom Green County's subrogation claim regarding past payments made to medical providers on behalf of John Davis for treatment of injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred on or about October 23, 1998" (facsimile request from Benefit Planners, Inc. and settlement recorded with these minutes). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weeks. The County Judge and all commissioners voted in favor of the motion and it carried.

George Morris, Construction Manager for the New Tom Green County Jail Project had no items for consideration. He gave a brief report on the status of the construction. No action was taken.

Kenny Burns from the architectural firm of Burns, Fletcher, Gill presented the schematic design for Phase II of the jail project. He explained why some offices should be located as presented by the plan. He said he'd like to visit with all departments included in the design for further discussion. Legal Counsel Keith Davis participated in discussion concerning the contract with the architectural firm. Mr. Morris was instructed to start getting demo prices on plumbing. Motion was made by Commissioner Easingwood to approve the

presentation made by Mr. Burns and allow them to continue in the process of the design works to be presented by January 18th. Commissioner Bookter seconded the motion. All court members voted in favor of the motion.

The following matter of business is agenda item #16.

Motion was made by Judge Brown and seconded by Commissioner Weeks to accept the Treasurer's monthly report (recorded with these minutes) for October. The motion was unanimously approved.

County Treasurer Dianna Spieker presented the Collections Department Report which compared the amounts of monies collected on fees and fines for November 1997, 1998 and 1999. No action was taken.

Sheriff's Sargent Ron Sanders and Texas Department of Transportation representative Ron Taylor presented the Court and audience with Safe & Sober goody-bags. Mr. Taylor also presented a Proclamation, partially read by Judge Brown, proclaiming December as National Drunk & Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month 1999. He encouraged everyone to drive with their headlights on Friday, December 17th to show support for the DWI programs and to remember those who have been killed or injured in alcohol related crashes. Judge Brown made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bookter to adopt the Proclamation (recorded with these minutes). All court members voted in favor of the motion and it carried.

The following action is agenda items #13 and #14.

County Attorney Tom Goff and Assistant County Attorney Tammy Hawley presented Resolutions to authorize the County Attorney to apply to the office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for grants to continue *The Victim/Witness Assistance Program* and *The Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit*. Mr. Goff explained that all grants are up for renewal and are scheduled for three-year programs. Commissioner Weeks made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Easingwood to approve the County Attorney applying for both grants (Resolutions recorded with these minutes). The motion was unanimously approved.

Indigent Health Care Administrator LaDon Blasingame presented an update on the bills paying process. She said that her department has had no computer program since October 1st, so everything is being done manually. Information Technology Administrator Tom Fryer assured her, Mrs. Bramble and Commissioner Weeks that he would have a program written, up and running by December 2nd, which has not happened. She requested patience from the Court. No action was taken.

Commissioner Friend made a motion to cancel the Tuesday, December 28, 1999 Commissioners' Court meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bookter. The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Bookter moved to designate Tuesday, February 1, 2000 as the fifth Tuesday so there will be no Commissioners' Court meeting. Commissioner Friend seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

There was very little discussion and no action on agenda item #19 (consider Fireworks Ban).

A contract with Evercom for "Inmate Telephone Service" was presented by attorney Keith Davis and Purchasing Administrator Sandy Bradley. Motion was made by Judge Brown to approve the *Inmate Coinless/Pay Telephones & Service for Tom Green County Detention Facility* contract (recorded with these minutes) with Evercom Systems, Inc. and authorize the County Judge to sign the contract as it's been presented to the Court. Commissioner Weeks seconded the motion. All court members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Sheriff Gray explained the necessity for leasing the mini van for the "Crisis Intervention Unit." Funds are available through a current grant that will renew in June, 2000 for three years. The van will be driven by volunteers. He has discussed insurance with Administrative Assistant Anne Bramble. Motion was made by Commissioner Friend, seconded by Commissioner Weeks authorizing the Sheriff to enter into a lease for a mini van for the Crisis Intervention Unit from Randal Motor's for \$428.08, (spreadsheet recorded with these minutes) subject to funding availability of the grant. Judge Brown and all commissioners voted in favor of the motion and it carried.

After explanation from Paul Adam from Trimble Batjer Insurance that the reason for the substantial increase in county property insurance is because the properties were appraised this past year, motion was made by Commissioner Weeks to, "approve the increase in property liability insurance contingent on the amount of dollars, that you will let us know, (speaking to Mr. Adam) about negotiations up to \$6,022 with Trimble-Batjer." Mrs. Bramble reminded them of the \$1600 for the Adjudication Center. He added that amount for a total of \$7,722. County Judge seconded the motion. He and all commissioners voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

There was no discussion nor action relating to Tom Green County Subdivision and Manufactured Home Rental Community Development Regulations. Motion was made by Judge Brown, seconded by Commissioner Friend to approve the following FY'00 line item transfer:

FROM:	Fund	Department	Account	Amount
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001	192	0601	(\$ 5,400.00)
General Fund	Contingency	Reserves	

TO:	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	001	143	0514	\$ 5,400.00
	General Fund	Sheriff's Bldg.	Special Projects	

All commissioners voted in favor of the motion and it carried.

Future agenda items were discussed.

Further announcements were made.

The meeting was adjourned.

Michael D. Brown, County Judge

Judith Hawkins, County Clerk
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the
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